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*Incoming
C/007/041
Response to
Division
Order*

Re: Division Order DO00A, Highwall Reclamation Plan, West Ridge Mine, C007/041

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources is submitting a permit change to reflect additional changes in the Highwall Reclamation Plan portion of the above Division Order. These changes are described in the following pages.

Thank you for your consideration and please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Gray
Engineer/Resident Agent

cc: Dave Shaver

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Comment R645-301-353, The reclamation of the highwall must include a rooting zone ... page 24. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02)

Comment R645-301-121, Please amend page 30 of Appendix 5-5 ... page 12. ASCA Y is not in use as a topsoil storage stockpile. The proposed area is now divided between undisturbed area and coal storage area.

Comment R645-301-121.100, Please update Table of Contents ... Page 8. The Table of Contents - Appendices have been updated.

Comment R645-301-121.200, Appendix 7-4 must be corrected to accurately describe the right hand fork topsoil storage pile ... page 14. The changes to Appendix 7-4 have been made. The total ASCA area is 0.13 acres as depicted on Map 2-4.

Comment R645-301-121.200, page 7-32 of Volume 3, Chapter 7 ... must be revised to accurately reflect acreages depicted on Map 2-4 page 14. The changes to page 7-32 have been changed to reflect the 0.13 acres depicted on Map 2-4. The reference to the topsoil stockpile area in the left fork has been changed.

Comment R645-301-121.200, The permittee must clarify page 22. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-121.222, The permittee need to include complete references page 22. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-122, Please provide the Division with a copy of Terracon page 8. A copy of this report has been included.

Comment R645-301-121.130, Add pertinent information for Terracon and Advanced Terra Testing to Appendix 1-6 page 8. The necessary information has been added to Appendix 1-6.

Comment R645-301-341, Please provide page 25. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-200 and R645-301-512.120, The permittee must have designs certified page 21. The Agapito Report revised 8/14/02 (Appendix 5-9) has been certified by Agapito.

Comment R645-301-200, The permittee must explain ... drainage ... page 21. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-200, The permittee must incorporate detailed cross-sections... page 21. Maps 5-6A and 5-6B depict the final surface configuration. The reclaimed highwall has not changed from this configuration. The detailed, additional cross-sections are included in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-200, The permittee must incorporate the design requirements ... of the Agapito report into the Mining and Reclamation Plan ... page 21. The reclamation portion of Appendix 5-5 has been changed to incorporate the Agapito report.

Comment R645-301-200, The permittee must show that the backfill material can be compacted in 2-foot lifts ... page 22. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-200, The permittee must show that the soil settling will not result in the highwall becoming exposed... page 22. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

Comment R645-301-130, The permittee must show that the backfill material has an inherent angle of repose ... page 22. This is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02). The source of the backfill material is the same material that makes up the fill for the yard area in front and up canyon from the highwall area.

Comment R645-301-731.760, Map 7-2, Mine Site Drainage Map must show ASCA ... page 14. The map has been changed to show the ASCA.

Comment R645-302-300 and R645-302-214, The permittee must demonstrate to the Division through comparative scenarios ... page 28. A comparative scenario is addressed in Appendix 5-9 (Agapito Report revised 8/14/02).

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☒New Permit ☐Renewal ☐Transfer ☐Exploration ☐Bond Release ☐

Permit Number: C/007/041

Title of Proposal: Division Order DO00A - Highwall Reclamation Plan

Mine: WEST RIDGE

Revision dated 8/14/2002

Permittee: WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: Update Agapito Report (Appendix 5-9) and changes per TA of 4/01/02

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

☐ Yes ☒ No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres ☐ increase ☐ decrease.☒ Yes ☐ No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order?☐ Yes ☒ No 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?☐ Yes ☒ No 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?☐ Yes ☒ No 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?☐ Yes ☒ No 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?☐ Yes ☒ No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?☐ Yes ☒ No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?☐ Yes ☒ No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation?☐ Yes ☒ No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:☐ Yes ☒ No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?☐ Yes ☒ No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing?☐ Yes ☒ No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?☐ Yes ☒ No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?☒ Yes ☐ No 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?☒ Yes ☐ No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?☐ Yes ☒ No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?☐ Yes ☒ No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?☒ Yes ☐ No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?☐ Yes ☒ No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?☐ Yes ☒ No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?☐ Yes ☒ No 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?☐ Yes ☒ No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?☐ Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2002

My Commission Expires _____
Attest: STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____



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